

FILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" UNDER 37 CFR 1.10 Express Mail Label Number

Date of Deposit

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

COTTENS ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 09/738,104 FILED: DECEMBER 15, 2000

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of February 22, 2005 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on March 22, 2005. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$450 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

Novartis Corporate Intellectual Property One Health Plaza, Building 104 East Hanover, NJ 07936-1080

Date: May 10, 2005

Susan Hess

Attorney for Applicants Reg. No. 37,350

Phone No. (862) 778-7859 ·

05/11/2005 SLUANG1 00000005 190134 09738104 01 FC:1252 450.00 DA